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RE: AGA Comments on Natural Gas Emissions for Quadrennial Energy Review (QER)

Dear Secretary Moniz, Director Holdren and Mr. Utech:

The American Gas Association (AGA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the first phase of the Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) on energy transmission infrastructure and storage. The attached comments address the particular role that natural gas, as a transportation fuel, can play in helping transition our economy to a lower carbon future. Our submission also addresses the important contributions that natural gas utilities can make in helping to build out the fueling infrastructure to support a growing fleet of natural gas vehicles across the country.

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The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States. There are more than 71 million residential, commercial, and industrial natural gas customers in the U.S., of which 94 percent—over 68 million customers—receive their gas from AGA members. AGA is an advocate for natural gas utility companies and their customers. Today, natural gas meets more than one fourth of the United States' energy needs.

Attached to this letter you will find:

1. An AGA white paper describing the opportunity for natural gas vehicles to improve the environment and decrease carbon emissions today through displacement of petroleum

based fuels; and in future years by enabling the adoption of biomethane and hydrogen as alternative fuels, and

2. A report of the American Gas Foundation, *Natural Gas as a Transportation Fuel: Models for Developing Infrastructure* (September 2012), that describes the opportunities for local distribution companies to participate in the developing market for natural gas fueling infrastructure, particularly in the early years of infrastructure investment as the natural gas vehicle market continues to develop.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the first phase of the Department's Quadrennial Energy Review.

Respectfully,

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